

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) ~~An information processing~~ method for editing multimedia content including metadata, the method comprising:
 - receiving operation information about an editing operation;
 - adding the operation information to the metadata;
 - writing the reliability information to the metadata;
 - reading the operation information and reliability information from the metadata; and
 - determining, in accordance with the operation information and the reliability information, whether the metadata is usable for edited multimedia content edited by the editing operation,
 - wherein, if the metadata is determined to be usable, the metadata is added to the edited multimedia content.
4. (cancelled)

5. (withdrawn) An information processing method for retrieving predetermined metadata in multimedia content including metadata, the method comprising:

a retrieving step of retrieving the predetermined metadata in the multimedia content in accordance with predetermined retrieval conditions;

a reading step of reading a property of the retrieved metadata in which a change in the reliability of the retrieved metadata due to a predetermined operation is written;

a calculating step of calculating the reliability of the retrieved metadata in accordance with an operation record and the change in the reliability written in the property of the retrieved metadata; and

an outputting step of outputting, as a retrieval result, metadata with a reliability greater than or equal to a predetermined reliability.

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) An ~~electronic device~~information processing apparatus for editing multimedia content including metadata, the electronic device~~apparatus~~ comprising:

a receiving electronic component~~unit~~ configured to receive operation information about an editing operation; and

an adding electronic component~~unit~~ configured to add the operation information to the metadata;

a writing electronic component configured to write reliability information to the metadata;

a reading electronic component~~unit~~ configured to read the operation information and reliability information from the metadata; and

a determination electronic component~~unit~~ configured to determine, in accordance with the operation information and the reliability information, whether the metadata is usable for edited multimedia content edited by the editing operation,

wherein, if the metadata is determined to be usable, the metadata is added to the edited multimedia content.

8. (withdrawn) An information processing apparatus for retrieving predetermined metadata in multimedia content including metadata, the apparatus comprising:

retrieving means for retrieving the predetermined metadata in the multimedia content in accordance with predetermined retrieval conditions;

reading means for reading a property of the retrieved metadata in which a change in the reliability of the retrieved metadata due to a predetermined operation is written;

calculating means for calculating the reliability of the retrieved metadata in accordance with an operation record and the change in the reliability written in the property of the retrieved metadata; and

outputting means for outputting, as a retrieval result, metadata with a reliability greater than or equal to a predetermined reliability.

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) ~~An information processing~~ method according to Claim 3, wherein the reliability information indicates the reliability of the metadata.

14. (currently amended) ~~An information processing~~ method according to Claim 3, wherein the reliability information is based on the operation information.

15. (currently amended) ~~An information processing~~ method according to Claim 3, wherein determining whether the metadata is usable includes comparing the reliability information with predetermined reliability information.

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (cancelled)

19. (currently amended) An electronic device~~information processing~~
~~apparatus~~ according to Claim 7, wherein the reliability information indicates the
reliability of the metadata.

20. (currently amended) An electronic device~~information processing~~
~~apparatus~~ according to Claim 7, wherein the reliability information is based on the
operation information.

21. (currently amended) An electronic device~~information processing~~
~~apparatus~~ according to Claim 7, wherein determining whether the metadata is usable
includes comparing the reliability information with predetermined reliability information.

22. (previously presented) Computer-executable process steps stored on a
computer-readable storage medium, the computer-executable process steps causing a
computer to execute the method of claim 3.